

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2974 - HB 2816**

February 11, 2000

#### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Requires the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to promulgate appropriate rules prohibiting telecommunication service providers from discontinuing local exchange telephone service to a consumer who receives Lifeline or Link-up due to that customer's non-payment of charges for other telephone services, including long distance service.
- Allows a telecommunications service provider to block a Lifeline service or Link-up service participant's access to all long distance except toll free numbers when the participant owes an outstanding amount for that service. The telecommunications service provider shall remove the block without additional cost to the participant on payment of the outstanding amount.
- Authorizes the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to promulgate appropriate rules making enrollment in Lifeline and Link-up automatic for eligible consumers.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **MINIMAL**

Service providers are currently prohibited from disconnecting service to Lifeline subscribers.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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